

## It Shouldn't Have Happened, But It Did

● I hope that those of you who read Jon C. Rittgers's "Diversification Means Progress in the Gloucester Fishing Industry" in the March number of *Marine Fisheries Review* had a mirror handy when you got to page 15. Only with its aid could you have made much sense of Figure 4. For those of you who did not, here is the way it should have appeared:

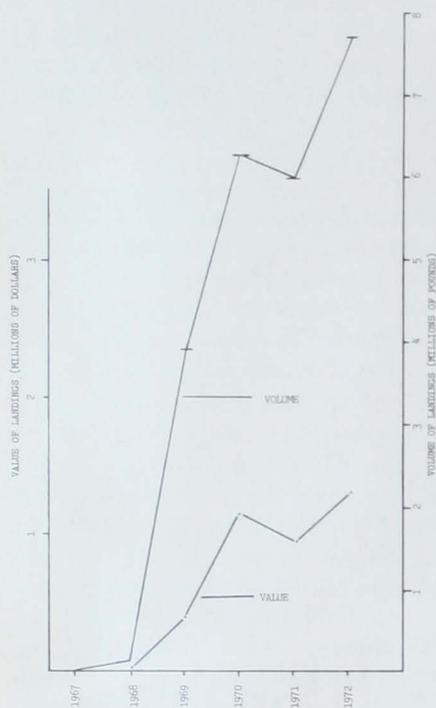


Figure 4.—Volume and value of shrimp landings in Gloucester, 1967-1972 (millions of pounds and millions of dollars).

The mistake arose from a last-minute attempt to correct a minor error on page 15 (the word "VALUE" in Figure 3 had been misplaced). It should serve as a warning against too insistent a perfectionism, I suppose. The mathematical odds, with printers as good as ours, against such a blunder appearing in print are fantastically high. One might as well attribute it to the onset of spring or the prevalence of evil spirits as anything else. Anyhow, I apologize to Mr. Rittgers and

our readers and hope only that should further mistakes occur, they be no more critical than—and even as laughable as—this one.

● Those of you who are addicted to reading the fine print are aware that, as a rule, reprints of articles from *Marine Fisheries Review* ". . . in limited numbers, are available from D83, Technical Information Division, Environmental Science Information Center, NOAA, Washington, DC 20235." (Actually, they are available from Sarah Kroll, a very nice and competent person who works for D83 and sees that these requests are promptly filled. She often goes out of her way to locate not only reprints from *Marine Fisheries Review*, but also any other publications issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service and its predecessor, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries: she is a blessing.)

However, with Dave Almand's article "Publications and Services of the National Marine Fisheries Service," which appeared in the March number, an exception has been made. The article is so useful to everyone interested in fisheries that reprints have been made available to all of our centers, laboratories, and extension offices. If you need a copy, simply get in touch with the NMFS office nearest you and it should be able to find one for you.

For other articles appearing in *Marine Fisheries Review*, the invaluable Ms. Kroll remains your best source. If her supply of a paper is gone, however, you might be able to obtain one by writing the author or his laboratory. Our office, by the way, does not distribute copies of reprints: if you write to us, though, we shall be glad to forward your request to Ms. Kroll.

● Next month's *Marine Fisheries Review* will have a slightly different

look to it than that to which you have become accustomed. In order to make better use of our precious paper supply, we are enlarging the type area and changing some of our type specifications. We hope to achieve a better looking page and be able to pack more information in each column than in the past. I hope that readability does not suffer: if you think it does, please let me know.

● By the time these comments appear in print, the Superintendent of Documents should have available for purchase the first four sections of the "Anglers' Guide to the United States Atlantic Coast," by Bruce L. Freeman and Lionel A. Walford of the NMFS Middle Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Center, Sandy Hook Laboratory.

These publications are the result of several years' unremitting work. They contain written descriptions of the fish, fishing grounds, and fishing facilities of the Atlantic coast from Maine to Key West. Also, each section of the coast is treated in a detailed map, printed in color, that tells the angler what fish are caught in what areas.

Section I covers the region from Passamaquoddy Bay, Maine to Cape Cod. The SupDocs stock number is 0320-00068. Section II (stock number 0320-00070) covers Nantucket Shoals to Long Island Sound. Section III (stock number 0320-00071) covers Block Island to Cape May, New Jersey. Section IV (stock number 0320-00072) covers Delaware Bay to False Cape, Virginia.

The Anglers' Guides are oversized—14¼ by 16½ inches—in order to incorporate all the detail that goes to make for better fishing. The remaining Sections, covering the rest of the U.S. Atlantic coast, are in press.

A comparable volume, dealing with angling off the U.S. Pacific Coast and in Hawaii, is in preparation at the NMFS Tiburon Fisheries Laboratory and should be available for purchase before the end of 1974.

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